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Free workshop explains grant programs for enterprise zone businesses

Dec. 19, 2013 - Hampton's Economic Development Department will host a free "How to Qualify" workshop in January to help businesses located in either one of the city's two enterprise zones learn more about grants and other incentives they might be eligible to receive.

The workshop is Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 9 a.m.-noon in the first floor Veterans Conference Room at the Ruppert L. Sargent Administration Building, 1 Franklin St. It will be conducted by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Enterprise zones are designed to promote job creation and real property investments by providing state and local financial incentives and tax relief. The workshop will provide specific information on qualifying for real property investment grants and job creation grants for 2013. It will also address the application process for the 2013 grant year. The filing deadline is April 1, 2014.

The Hampton Roads Center zone stretches from West Park and the Wythe Creek Industrial Park to West Mercury Boulevard and Armistead Avenue. The Hampton Urban Zone includes the Net Center, Kecoughtan Corridor and East Pembroke Avenue Corridor.

Go <u>online</u> to learn more about the Virginia Enterprise Zone Program and to see a map of the two zones in Hampton. You can also call 757-727-6237 for more information.

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